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Story for Richard

Christine Aument

Once upon a time
There was a me, there was a you.
Library dads, working moms.
School introduces us, volunteers all.

A friendship blossoms.
It wanes, then grows, then wanes again
As our worlds scurry
Down varied paths.

Little boys grow into lanky teens,
Then to twenty-somethings,
Forging their way through life's forests
As we alternately encourage, cringe and cower.

Enflamed by an unexpected bond,
Our friendship sprouts in new directions,
To broader horizons
As freedom rings for us as well.

Two poets linked in correspondence;
Two friends sharing life's travails.
There is a you, there is a me –
Once upon a time.